Whereas, it is with utmost respect that the Missouri House of Representatives pauses to recognize a Show-Me State high school athletic program whose members truly embody the concept of Outstanding Missourian through their deeds and achievements; and

Whereas, Kickapoo High School Boys Basketball Team players of Springfield, Missouri, recently distinguished themselves by taking First Place at the Missouri State High School Activities Association (MSHSAA) Class 5 State Championship held March 15, 2003, at the Hearnes Center in Columbia; and

Whereas, the Kickapoo Chiefs triumphed over Raytown South High School by a score of 64-42 to win their first state title in school history; and

Whereas, the State Champion Chiefs finished the 2002-2003 season with an impressive record of 30 wins and only one loss and an exceptional two-year tally of 56-3; and

Whereas, the Chiefs could not have attained such phenomenal success this season without the unparalleled leadership provided by Head Coach Roy M. Green and his Assistant Coaches, Denny Hunt and Bill Hogue; and

Whereas, the Kickapoo Chiefs basketball program fielded a 2003 team which was the undefeated Ozark Conference champion, won the Kickapoo Tipoff Classic and KMOX Shootout, and placed Second in the Bass Pro Tournament of Champions; and

Whereas, fellow students, faculty, and staff of Kickapoo High School, parents, and the entire community of Kickapoo are exceedingly proud of the Chiefs for their impressive display of teamwork and unwavering unanimity while successfully aspiring towards incredible goals; and

Whereas, Kickapoo High School in 2003 became the first school to sweep large-school state championships in twenty-five years:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the significant contributions made by the Chiefs basketball program on behalf of high school sports in Missouri and to extend to its players and coaches this legislative body's most heartfelt welcome to the state capitol on May 15, 2003, for special recognition as guests in the House Chamber; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for the "Outstanding Missourians" making up the Kickapoo High School Chiefs basketball team of Springfield, Missouri.

Offered by

Representative B.J. Marsh
District No. 136
Joined by the Entire House Membership
I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of
Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First
Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and
correct copy of House Resolution No. 2878, adopted May
14, 2003.